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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR RWANDA PEACEKEEPING

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PRESIDENT VIEIRA HAS APPARENTLY ORDERED A COMPANY OF
APPROXIMATELY 45 SOLDIERS TO JOIN THE RWANDAN
PEACEKEEPING EFFORT. LOCAL TELEVISION ON JULY 12

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CARRIED FOOTAGE OF VIEIRA MEETING WITH FRENCH
AMBASSADOR ERIC LEM AND ANNOUNCING THAT GUINEA-BISSAU
WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE RWANDAN EFFORT; NO DETAILS
WERE PROVIDED DURING THE BROADCAST. MILITARY SOURCES
INDICATE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE BEING SELECTED WILL
BE LOWER-RANKING OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL,
MOSTLY FROM THE ARMY AND NAVY. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHO
WILL BE PAYING FOR THEM (THE FRENCH OR THE U.N.) OR
WHEN THEY WILL LEAVE. EARLIEST ESTIMATES ARE FOR THREE
OR FOUR WEEKS FROM NOW, BUT MILITARY LEADERS WONDERED
WHETHER THE NEED FOR A SECOND ROUND IN THE PRESIDENTIAL

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ELECTIONS MIGHT NOT MAKE RWANDA SLIP TO SECOND PRIORITY
ON THE PRESIDENT'S AGENDA.

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3. COMMENT: A FEW MILITARY LEADERS ARE CONCERNED THAT
THE PRESIDENT DID NOT CONSULT MORE CLOSELY WITH THEM TO
1) GET A FEEL FOR WHETHER THE G-B ARMED FORCES ARE
PREPARED TO SEND SO MANY PERSONNEL TO JOIN OTHER U.N.
TROOPS, AND 2) PROVIDE THEM MORE DETAILS ON FINANCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMAND STRUCTURES. HOWEVER, THEY
REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY AND SAY THAT
SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED. END
COMMENT.

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